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In re Application of:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

After the title please insert the following:

**Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

A'  
This application is a continuation of international application number  
PCT/JP99/05676, filed October 14, 1999 and claims the benefit of Japanese application  
number 1998-291867, filed October 14, 1998, the content of both applications being  
incorporated herein by reference.